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SUBJECT: GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES

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1. SUMMARY. NO REPORTS OF HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES
AUGUST 3 AND 4. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) CARRIED
FOREIGN MEDIA COMMENTARIES CRITICAL OF FEA ESTABLISHMENT;
WEST BERLIN PRESS GAVE ISSUE MODERATE COVERAGE. GOVERNING
MAYOR SCHUETZ FORESAW CONTINUED DIFFICULTIES WITH EAST
GERMANS AS REGARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF QA, END SUMMARY.

2. WEEKEND OF AUGUST 3-4 PASSED WITHOUT APPARENT INCIDENT
ON TRANSIT ROUTES. ND AUGUST 4 AND 5 CONTINUED EXTENSIVE
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TREATMENT OF FEA ISSUE THROUGH REPRINTED EASTERN AND WESTERN

COMMENTARIES. LATTER INCLUDED VIEW OF "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" THAT GENSCHER PUSHED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA TO CURRY VOTERS' FAVOR PRIOR SCHEDULED BERLIN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND CITED SEBASTIAN HAFFNER, WRITING IN "STERN," TO EFFECT THAT QA WAS "COMPLICATED DIPLOMATIC AR WORK" DESIGNED TO PERMIT AN "INCURABLE PATIENT" AND "ALMOST NORMAL EXISTENCE" WHICH NOW UNDERMINED BY FRG EFFORT TO SHFT SURREPTITIOUSLY FINELY BALANCED POLITICAL BENEFITS TO ITS ADVANTAGE. ND ALSO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT ON SENTENCING OF TWO FRG EXFILTRATORS.

3. TAGESSPIEGEL EDITORIAL AUGUST 4 PRAISED US SUPPORT ON FEA, INCLUDING POSTPONEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT US-GDR RELATIONS, BUT NOTED THAT US COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO ESCALATE "DISPUTE OVER OUR FEA" TO INTERNATIONAL CAUSE CELEBRE. WEST BERLIN PRESS ALSO REPORTED WEEKEND DETENTION, UPON ORDERS OF FEDERAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN KARLSRUHE, BY WEST BERLIN POLICE OF GDR SPY AND SPECULATED THAT FEA AND PERSONNEL WERE HIS PRIMARY TARGETS.

4. ALTHOUGH MAYOR KURT NEUBAUER AUGUST 2 CAME OUT FOR ESTABLISHMENT IN WEST BERLIN OF NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GERMAN CULTURE AS TEST OF VALIDITY OF QA, GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ, TAKING TIME OUT FROM VACATION FOR TV INTERVIEW, SAID IT APPEARS THAT WEST BERLIN IS IN FOR A LONG TERM ARGUMENT REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF QA. THAT WAS NOT TO SAY THAT WESTERN SIDE SHOULD HAVE HESITATED IN ESTABLISHING FEA, FOR DIFFICULTIES WITH GDR LEADERSHIP HAVE EXISTED BEFORE AND WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE AS EAST GERMANS ATTEMPT TO RENEGE ON QA COMMITMENTS. SCHUETZ ALSO HAD GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT FRG HANDLING OF GDR HARASSMENT ON TRANSIT ROUTES AS WELL AS FOR CONSULTATION PROCESS AMONG GERMANS AND ALLIES.KLEIN

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